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1. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-182221, published June 26, 2002, along with English language abstract.
2. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 11-508708, published July 27, 1999.
3. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 58-129419, published August 2, 1983.

4. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 60-126625, published July 6, 1985, along with English language abstract.

5. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 62-166317, published July 22, 1987, along with English language abstract.

6. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 63-220115, published September 13, 1988, along with English language abstract.

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